(NRRDC) has been set up whose report is awaited.

(d) Data required for formulation of the Programme, including population of villages, is being compiled. Data (As on 31st December, 1999) is not immediately available.

Suggestions of the National Institute of Rural Development

† 1488. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:
SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Institute of Rural Development has published its first report to give suggestions for rural development;

(b) whether Government have formulated any action plan to implement its suggestions after having gone through the report; and

(c) if so, what are the outlines of the action plan?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDER LAL PATWA): (a) and (b) The National Institute of Rural Development have recently brought out the first *India Rural Development Report—1999* which was released by the Prime Minister of India in February, 2000. No separate Action Plan has been formulated in this regard.

(c) Does not arise.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.